REPRODUCTIVE WORKS (KINSALE).

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 24 February 1847;—*for*,

COPIES "of the CORRESPONDENCE which has taken place between the Committee of the Town of *Kinsale*, the Board of Works, the Treasury, and the Secretary for *Ireland*, on the subject of certain REPRODUCTIVE WORKS presented at the Sessions held for the Barony of *Kinsale*, on the 5th day of October last, under the Labour Rate."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 15 *March* 1847.

COPIES of CORRESPONDENCE on the subject of certain REPRODUCTIVE WORKS presented at the Sessions held for the Barony of *Kinsale*, on the 5th day of October last, under the Labour Rate.

Sir, Kinsale, October 11.

I HAVE been requested to forward the accompanying resolutions, and I beg to recommend most strongly a bridge across the Bandon river, as most assuredly it will be a remunerative work, the approaches to which would give very extensive employment at once in a very poor district; the expense was presented for, both by the Kinsale and Courcies Baronies, without a dissentient voice in either. A memorial is in course of being forwarded to his Excellency on the subject: it is a species of work far and away superior to making useless roads.

I beg to add, Kinsale is the most neglected town in Ireland: we had formerly a Government dock-yard, and an excise department, of which we have been deprived. And never, in the general distribution of funds for the improvement of Ireland, have we been considered. Now that we are willing to tax ourselves for a truly useful work, it would be perpetuating our cause of dissatisfaction were we refused.

I have, &c.

Right Hon. H. Labouchere. (signed) *J. J. Heard.*

TO the Officers of Public Works, Custom House, *Dublin.*

THE MEMORIAL of the Ratepayers of the Barony of *Kinsale*,

Humbly showeth,

THAT at the Extraordinary Presentment Sessions, held at Kinsale on Monday the 5th inst., an application to construct a Public Quay from the present Long Quay to Coveney's Quay, passed with the unanimous consent of the Ratepayers:

That your memorialists conceive that no work more useful to this town could be undertaken by the Board of Works, as it is such a one as would materially facilitate traders in carrying on their business, by enabling them to land and ship goods more conveniently, as regards tide time, and it would promote the health of the inhabitants by removing the very disagreeable nuisances at present occasioned by the deposit of fish and other offal in the docks, which extend to a very central part of the town.

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Your memorialists beg to call your attention to this fact, that at present there is no public quay in the town available for the purposes of trade; all landing or shipping goods are subject to a charge for quayage, and they complain that in a town so extensive as Kinsale, with considerable expectations of advancing in trade and commerce, particularly from the execution of certain important works now before you, they should not have free access to a public quay, as well as the inhabitants of all the towns with which they are acquainted:

That the importance of this work is so well understood here, that not a single dissentient was to be found to it at a full public meeting of the ratepayers; and as a further proof of the advantages to be derived from it, the entire owners of property, as well as the occupying tenants at either side of the present docks, with one or two exceptions, surrendered their rights, and consented to make no claim for compensation, in order to throw no obstacle in the way of such a useful work; and the ratepayers also consented to tax themselves for the payment of whatever sum may be considered reasonable to the one or two persons who claim compensation:

That the proposed work will give considerable employment to labourers in addition to the masons of the town, who, it is to be apprehended, will require support, as well as those of an humbler class in life. Many of them have been obliged to work during the last season, of comparatively greater plenty, at the rate of 1*s.* 3*d.* per day, in the employment of the Relief Committee.

Your memorialists trust you will give this subject attention, and when you consider the many advantages to be derived from it, they have no doubt of the most successful issue to their application.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

(signed)

William Newman, clerk
W. R. Meade, Vicar of Kinsale
William Lewis
Richard H. Lewis
Robert Warren, M.D.
Robert Dunne, merchant
Michael O'Connor
T. A. Stewart, H. C. Kinsale
Webb Nash
Patrick Murphy
Rev. D. Coveney, D.D.
D. Murphy, D.D., P.P. Kinsale
G. Digby Duport
John Cummins
Thomas Kenefick
Charles M'Carthy
Julius H. Sturke, Captain late 12th regiment
William Bishopp
R. Y. Foley
Josh. Dunn Walton, solicitor
George Newman, town clerk
William N. Fudger
William Taylor
Edward Barry
Timothy M'Carthy
George Morge
Robert Lander
George Dunn, merchant
John L. Newman, merchant
Jeremiah Leonard
J. J. Heard, J.P.
William Newman, J.P. Kinsale
Ed. Hunt, J.P. Kinsale
John M. Daniell, merch. and agent to Lloyd's
Henry Cole Bowen, J.P.
George Dawson
Richard Chard
John Beamish, clerk
John Walton
Patrick Leonard
Jeremiah Mahoney
Benjamin Howes
William Bullen
Bryan Daly
Jeremiah M'Carthy
Jeremiah Murphy, draper
Thomas Leonard, leather cutter
David Leonard, currier
Timothy O'Flynn, carpenter and builder
John Sullivan Bright, smith
John Lyons, mason
Daniel Castles, victualler
Patrick Murphy
Robert Willett, draper
John Sulivan, merchant
Jerry Murphy
Martin Kenefick, merchant
Timothy Crowley
William Deasy
Josh. Mahony, merchant dealer
Rich. Patterson, carpenter
William Casey, carpenter
James Murphy
James Mahony
John Place, shopkeeper
Timothy Driscoll
Ed. Scannell
John Tobin, baker
Michael Reilly
John Murphy
John Burke
Mark Leonard, master mason
William Keane, builder and carpenter
George Sinnick, flax factor
Patrick Leonard, master mariner
Thomas Falvey
John Hare
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John Cashell
Michael Murray
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James Disnan, tailor
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Richard Routt
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Tim Connor
James Edmonds
J. Heen
Michael Murphy
Hugh M'Clelland, apothecary
Thomas Buckley, harness maker
John Murphy, classical teacher
James White, mason
Robert Barry
Denis Law
John Daly, teacher
Francis Hurley
Patrick Kelly, carpenter
David Keeffra
Charles Burke, cooper
John Colman
Daniel Coghlan
James Hayes, shipwright
John Hunt, mason
John Quinn
Denis Leary
James Nolan
Jeremiah M'Carthy
Eugene M'Carthy
William Stephens
John Coleman
Robert Willett, draper
Michael O'Brien
John Sulivan
Michael Holland
George Betson
Thomas Murray
Benson L. Manning
David Hogan
Jonathan L. Morgan
John Smithwick
Stephen Browne
Thomas Barry
John R. Williams
John N. Barry
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John Regan
John Russell
James Drinan
James Quinn
Thomas Manning
William Thompson
Henry T. Perrin
Michael Desmond
Cornelius Reardon
William Bogley
James Cartwright
John Place
John Lambert
Garrett Arundell
Michael Bateman, sen.
Francis Drew Walker
Joseph William, pawnbroker
Richard Bogley, schoolmaster
George Williams, pawnbroker
James Fudger, boot and shoemaker
Charles J. Burke, cooper
William Markham, gentleman
William Good, jun.
Robert Browne
Jeremiah Coleman
Richard Collis
Thomas Greaves
Cornelius Ryan
Henry C. Fuger
Charles George Fugers
Edward Roche, sail-maker
Thomas Gillmor
James Doyle
Edward Harrington
James Orr
John Whaler
Michael Orr
John Bowen
George Griffiths
John Good
William Good
Charles Bateman
John Walker
Edward B. Dorman, apothecary
James H. Sinny, woollen draper
Stephen C. Tassell
David Lisk
David Ring
Richard Doyle
William Doyle
William Donovan
Edward Fudger
James Black
Joseph Hosford
Jeremiah Sulivan
George Donovan
B. B. Smith
John Daly
Edward Purden, clerk
William Thompson
John Barrett
Bartholomew Hurley
John Browne
Daniel Riordan
John Supple
J. Rosford
John Colman
Jeremiah Coveney
John M'Clinch
Alexander Black
John Mahony
James M'Daniel
David Leonard
Isaac Doherty
Collins Brothers
Daniel Daily
Jeremiah M'Carthy
John Fitzgerald
John Hannessy
David Murphy
Maurice Dillon
John Mahony
George Roberts
Patrick Reardon
John Donovan
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William Keane
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Richard M'Carthy
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Andrew Donovsn
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Michael Desmond
John Conelly
Timothy Murphy
James White
Maurice Donovan
John Barrett
John Falvey
Michael Colman
Timothy Shanaher
John Allen
Jerry Murphy
Thomas Allen
Timothy Scannell
Michael M'Daniell
James Woods
Bartholomew Whitley
Daniel M'Carthy, master mariner
John Wholey
James Hurly
William Ahen
John Whitley
Timothy Collins
David Cremeen
Tim. Conelly
John Foley
Samuel Burchell
Robert Smyth
John Murphy
Cornelius Riely
Bartholomew Murphy
Patrick M'Carthy
David Corcoran
Michael Holland
Michael Daly, chandler
John Murphy, shopkeeper
Joseph Lewis
Patrick Brewer
Jeremiah Murphy, tailor

Kinsale, 12 October 1848.

Gentlemen, Treasury Chambers, 21 Oct. 1846.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a memorial from the ratepayers of the baronies of Kinsale and Courcies for the erection of a bridge over the River Bandon, together with a copy of their Lordships' Minute thereon.

I have, &c.

Commissioners Public Works, Ireland. (signed) *C. E. Trevelyan.*

TO the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial of the Ratepayers of the Baronies of Kinsale and Courcies,

Respectfully showeth,

THAT a presentment sessions, under the 9 & 10 Vict. c. 107, was holden for the barony of Kinsale, and also for the barony of Courcies, when presentments at each were unanimously adopted for the erection of a bridge over the Bandon river.

That memorialists have arrived at the conclusion that there is no work which could be executed in this or any other part of Ireland which would unite so much of general utility with the greatest improvement. So confident are memorialists of the advantage to be derived from facilitating communication between the baronies, that they have cheerfully taxed themselves, and have no doubt they will have a most ample and remunerative return for their outlay by an increased intercourse, which is much wanting.

At present the farmer at the opposite side of the river is deterred from resorting to Kinsale from the uncertainty of the ferry; when he arrives at the river side, he finds the sea so high that boats cannot ply, and is forced to return home at great expense and loss of time. During the last week, from the violence of the weather, the horse-boat could not pass for three days, consequently the farmer is obliged to go 10 or 12 miles to seek a market.

The Kinsale merchants and shopkeepers are thus deprived of their legitimate customers and the farmers of their natural market.

Memorialists beg to add, that this is a species of employment combining work both for the artisan and labourer, the approaches and causeway-work being extensive;

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extensive; in Courcies Barony estimated at 500 *l.*, and Kinsale 400 *l.*, in both passing through a very pauperised district.

Memorialists most urgently entreat your Lordships will take into your consideration that this application is made by the inhabitants of districts hitherto beyond all precedent neglected in the way of receiving grants or encouragement from Government aid; that the town of Kinsale has retrograded beyond any other town that can be named, and they see no chance of improvement unless this reasonable prayer of memorialists be granted to tax themselves for the erection of a bridge, which they confidently believe will be followed by other extensive improvements undertaken by private enterprise.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(signed) *J. J. Heard*, Chairman.

COPY of Treasury Minute, dated the 20th October 1846.

WRITE to the memorialists, that the presentment in question will be considered and reported upon by the Board of Works, who will recommend for sanction, under the 9 & 10 Vict. c. 107, such works as may be best calculated to afford general relief during such time as it may be required.

Sir, Kinsale, 26 October 1846.

I BEG to enclose you a copy of a series of resolutions unanimously adopted by the Kinsale Relief Committee, at their meeting this day, and on their behalf I beg to call the early attention of the Board of Works to them.

I have, &c.

J. C. Walker, Esq. (signed) *W. R. Meade*,
Vicar of Kinsale, and Acting Chairman.

Kinsale, 26 October 1846.

AT a full meeting of the Relief Committee of this barony, held this day, the following Resolutions were proposed by the Very Rev. Dr. Murphy, and seconded by John G. Daunt, Esq. M. D.

Resolved, That the immediate and earnest attention of the Board of Works be directed to a memorial, unanimously adopted by the ratepayers of the baronies of Kinsale and Courcies at presentment sessions, copies of which were forwarded to the Treasury and Admiralty, relative to the erection of a bridge across the Bandon river:

That in addition to the many and great advantages likely to arise from the construction of this bridge, and set forth in said memorial, the Relief Committee are decidedly of opinion that there is no other work (there being no drainage land) in this district to be compared with this in its reproductive capabilities, in its permanent advantages to the town and surrounding country, and which will also provide employment, to a great extent, to the numerous poor of the district:

That as the other works proposed at the presentment sessions, and immediately about to commence, will not give employment for the long period during which the destitution is likely to continue, the Relief Committee earnestly trust that the prayer of the memorial will be acceded to with as little delay as possible, so as to give employment when the present works are exhausted.

Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
Sir, Dublin, 26 October 1846.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, relative to the delay in the commencement of the works in the neighbourhood of Ballyfeard:

And, in reply, I am directed to inform you that works, amounting to 2,711 *l.*, have been ordered to be commenced.

I am, &c.

Rev. W. R. Meade, (signed) *J. C. Walker*,
Kinsale. Secretary.

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Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
Sir, Dublin, 3 November 1846.

I AM directed by the Board to inform you (with reference to the memorial of the cesspayers of the baronies of Kinsale and Courcies, relative to the erection of a bridge over the Bandon river), that it is a work of great utility and importance; but the Board could not undertake it without regular detailed plans and estimates: moreover it is a work that could not be executed within the year ending August next, at which time the Relief Act expires.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Hornsby,*
J. J. Heard, Esq. Assistant Secretary.

(5126.)

Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
Sir, Dublin, 3 November 1846.

WITH reference to your letter of the 26th ult., enclosing a petition of the Kinsale Relief Committee, relative to building a bridge across the River Bandon,

I have to state that the matter cannot be taken into consideration until a regular plan and estimate for the project is brought before the Board.

You will please inform the Commissioners, was there not a plan, &c. for this work made for the grand jury about the year 1822?

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Hornsby,*
Rev. W. R. Meade, Kinsale. Assistant Secretary.

(8201.)

Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
Sir, 26 November 1846.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your memorial of the 18th inst., with reference to the presentment passed at the sessions held for the barony of Kinsale, for improving the mail-coach road from the city of Cork, in the vicinity of Kinsale, giving the engineer the power to deviate from the present line, which he is about doing, to the injury of your property, and requesting that said deviation might not be made.

And, in reply, I am directed to inform you that your memorial has been referred to the Board's officer for his report.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. C. Walker,*
Mr. G. Newman, Kinsale. Secretary.

Gentlemen, Kinsale, 21 December 1846.

As Chairman of the Relief Committee, I have been requested to acquaint you that our engineer here, Mr. Fitzgerald, stated at the meeting this day, that he had been directed to suspend a work which passed at the sessions under the Labour Act, improving the mail-coach road between this and Cork; in truth the only useful one which has hitherto been undertaken, the present road into the town being at an elevation of one foot in nine, and the contemplated one, which is nearly finished, with the exception of passing through four fields, will be one in twenty-five, and only twenty-six perches longer; an objection was made by the owner, Mr. Newman; a second meeting of the magistrates and ratepayers was called on Thursday last, and these made no objection, and the engineer put a proper quota of men on the works, which from your order he has withdrawn. Besides those, we have over 100 men applying for employment. The work, independent of the facility it will afford to coach travelling, will enable the farmers from a very extensive district to take a full load of manure, where at present they are obliged to divide the load to enable them to pass over the hill. An opposition to so useful a work seems unaccountable, when works have been granted, one in particular, not near so useful, where the damages will amount at the very least to 1,000*l.* This coach road I passed as chairman of the sessions, and has the additional advantage of leading direct to the Bandon Railway, where we are to have

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have a station half way between this and Cork. I trust you will give directions to the engineer to do the small portion which remains unfinished of this highly useful work. There are farmers living on the line, the heaviest ratepayers in the barony, and excluded from reasonable communication; one pays from 16*l.* to 20*l.* a year county cess, and others varying from 5*l.* to the higher sum. A glance at the Ordnance Map will clearly prove what I have here stated, or a reference to Mr. Fitzgerald.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. J. Heard.*

Sir, Kinsale, 3 January 1847.

My letter to the Board of the 27th December was misunderstood altogether. In the first place, the meeting did not emanate with the Relief Committee: it was a general meeting of the ratepayers, and held at the Court-house by public notice, and the application was not for a bridge across the Baudon river; it was for as much as would come legitimately within the Labour Act, merely to make a road about a mile in length towards the site of the intended bridge, and as much of the earthwork as you could grant. I stated that you had granted a like road in Courcies, at the opposite side of the river, and it was nearly finished; I stated a fact, No. 2, in Courcies, between Burrell's Cross and Kinsale, and Kilnaclona, 500*l.*

It runs exactly to the site of the intended bridge, and for no other purpose, to the shallowest part of the river; neither plans or sections were required in Courcies, and we think it very hard they should be made an obstacle with us. If you require any further information on the subject your engineer here will I take for granted be ready to give it. Individuals have expended a great deal of money in surveys, deputations, &c. I consider when they are in the greatest need of work, having only 600 employed out of 1,200 applicants, a work which would be ultimately of the greatest possible public benefit ought to have precedence of all others, and be granted.

Your, &c.

(signed) *J. J. Heard.*

County of *Cork.*—Barony of *Kinsale.*

Suspensions of Works.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
6 January 1847.

One Enclosure, No. 12891, bearing date the 21st of December 1646, referred to Mr. Benson; letter from J. J. Heard, Esq. requesting that the works which have been suspended on the mail-coach road between Kinsale and Cork will be resumed without delay.

To be returned with your reply.

By order,

(signed) *E. Hornsby,*
Assistant Secretary.

To J. Benson, Esq. Cork.

For Reply.

The work referred to is the presentment No. 4, barony of Kinsale, to improve the mail-coach road from Cork to Kinsale, between Coleman's garden and Coolray lime-kiln, 274 perches, and to lower the hill between Jagoe's mills and the Widow Bryan Boundary, 132 perches, 200*l.*

Mr. Newman, of Kinsale, through whose lands the line of road referred to by Mr. Herrick pass, objects to our making a new line, as he says there is no line presented for, but merely to improve the present coach road. The new line can be made under the presentment, which would be of the greatest possible improvement; the portion made is a part common to two presentments, namely, No. 8, and the deviation which Mr. Heard, who put in the presentment, intended to be as No. 4.

(signed) *John Benson.*

Cork, 8 January 1847.

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Sir, Cork, 8 January 1847.

I HAVE been requested to forward the accompanying resolution from the Kinsale Relief Committee:—

The works referred to are No. 2 and 22 in the schedule; about one-third of the work would be labour-work. The works granted in this barony were but few; and the work No. 22 would relieve a district requiring work very much.

The Secretary, I am, &c.
Office Public Works, Dublin. (signed) *John Benson.*

Kinsale Relief Committee,
6 January 1847.

At a meeting of the committee held this day, J. J. Heard, Esq. in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved; That an application be made to the Board of Works for the erection of two piers, one at the Ferry, the other at Lundy Cove, both approved at the Road Sessions, conditioning that two-thirds of their respective amounts be paid by the Fishery Board.

The anxiety for obtaining these grants arises from the destitute labourers in that locality, there being at present more than 100 without employment, no other works having been presented for in that parish.

(signed) *J. J. Heard*, Chairman.

Sir, Cork, 10 January 1847.

THE accompanying resolution has been sent with a request I would forward it to the Board (from the Kinsale Relief Committee). The presentment alluded to is for filling the old docks at Kinsale and building a quay wall. A copy I send at the foot of the requisition; although the building of the quay wall forms a portion of this work, the greater part will be labour-work in filling; fully two-thirds. I would beg to recommend the sanction of this work, or of such portion as will enable me to employ an additional number of men, who are in a most deplorable state of destitution.

I also beg to recommend for the Board's sanction the additional sum to No. 18.

The Secretary, I am, &c.
Office Public Works, Dublin. (signed) *John Benson.*

AT a meeting of the Kinsale Relief Committee, held this 9th day of January 1847.

It was unanimously Resolved,

That it is the opinion of the Relief Committee that an immediate and earnest application be made to the Board of Works to sanction the filling the docks, which was passed at the extraordinary presentment sessions held in this town, as the work is one of great utility, calculated to afford employment on a large scale, when the works now in operation shall be exhausted; and if approved of with the other works lately recommended by this committee, will supersede the necessity of holding immediately another road sessions.

(signed) *J. J. Heard*, Chairman.

No. 8, in Schedule.—*J. B.*

"To build a quay wall from Jeremiah Courcey's to Long Quay, extending 36 feet front of timber yard, and trunking the space, including long and short quays, filling docks, sewers, and drains, &c., and fencing the private property adjacent, 2,500 *l.*"

Sir,

I AM directed by the Relief Committee to forward, through you, to the Board of Works the accompanying resolution, with a request that you will use your influence with the Board to approve of so useful a work.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Joseph Hosford.*
—— Benson, Esq. Clerk to the Committee.

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Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
14 January 1847.

Sir,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, forwarding copy of resolution of the Kinsale Relief Committee, and in reply I am directed to inform you, that the Board cannot, under the Relief Act, sanction building quays.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. C. Walker*,
Secretary.

John Benson, Esq. Cork.

(8845½/11091.)

Relief Department, Office of Public Works,
14 January 1847.

Sir,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of copy of resolutions of the Kinsale Relief Committee, forwarded to this office by Mr. Benson, and in reply I am directed to inform you that the Board, under the Relief Act, cannot sanction the building of quays.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. C. Walker*,
Secretary.

J. Heard, Esq. Kinsale.

Sir,

Cork, 12 February 1847.

I BEG to forward with this a plan of the proposed improvements in Kinsale; the filling of the old docks is marked in red: by this plan you will perceive that most of the work will be filling, and consequently labour. If this work be carried out, one of the greatest nuisances in Kinsale will be removed, and the public will have a quay, which is so much required in this commercial town, where no public quay exists; and if the proposed filling be carried out, a quay can be made by building at the end of the proposed filling. Another, and at present the most important, reason I can give for this really useful and reproductive work is, that there is no other work in or near the town that can be undertaken.

I am, &c.
(signed) *John Benson.*

To the Secretary,
Office of Public Works,
Dublin.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT.—No. 6.

County of *Cork*.

Barony of ——

Subject:—Immediate Employment requested.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
18 February 1847.

Two Enclosures. Letter No. 747/1466, bearing date the 4th of February 1847, referred to Mr. Benson, for report, from J. J. Heard, esq. (referred to this office from the Castle), forwarding copy of resolutions passed by Kinsale Relief Committee. Your attention is requested to circular No. 59, relative to the continuation of works.

To be returned with your reply on the opposite margin.

By order,
(signed) *J. C. Walker*,
Secretary.

To J. Benson, Esq. Cork.

For Reply.

THERE is great difficulty in getting useful works in the barony of Kinsale. New roads are not required.

The works alluded to in the resolution is the filling of the docks and the approach to the new bridge, as reported on in my letters of 12th and 13th instants.

(signed) *John Benson.*

Cork, 20 Feb. 1847.

These works would, no doubt, give vast employment, and I again beg strongly to recommend for the Board's sanction.

(signed) *J. Benson.*

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(D 1218).

Sir, Kinsale, 4 February 1847.

I HAVE been requested by the Relief Committee to forward to you a Resolution passed yesterday, partly on account of the number out of employment, and also from the report of the officer of works, who stated he must discharge a large number of labourers at the end of this week. Our union workhouse, built for 500, has now 900, and a house hired by the guardians is filled to excess; they had yesterday in it 200; if we had accommodation there are several hundred applicants. In such a state of things we have no resource but employment for the people; unless it be instantly afforded we shall have numerous deaths. Private contributions for relief, in proportion to the wealth and station of the inhabitants, have been larger than any locality with which I have been acquainted, and the efforts of the Relief Committee unremitting. We sell 30,000 lbs. of bread weekly, at sixpence the 4 lb. loaf; were it not for that assistance the wages, at the present price of food, would be totally inadequate to support a family of four or five. We have also a soup establishment, from which soup is sold a pint and a half for a halfpenny. I mention some circumstances to prove that every effort has been made on the spot. We can do no more; the people, if not employed, must starve.

I have, &c.

T. N. Redington, Esq. (signed) *J. J. Heard.*
&c. &c. &c.

AT a MEETING of the KINSALE RELIEF COMMITTEE, held the 3d day of February 1847,

Proposed by Edward Jago, Esq., M.D., and seconded by Rev. Doctor Murphy, P.P.

Resolved, That the chairman do write to the Under Secretary for Ireland, informing him that numerous deaths have occurred and are daily occurring in this district from the extreme privations which the people are suffering from want of food. That on the 30th January a coroner's inquest was held on the body of Paul Mullins, one of the deceased, when a verdict of death from starvation was returned. That under these circumstances, we have in vain urged on the Board of Works the propriety of immediately commencing some of the works agreed to at the presentment sessions; and if a favourable answer do not arrive from that quarter early in next week, we shall be obliged to ask for another sessions, although we cannot point any useful works to be prescuted for, whilst several of those already approved of by the ratepayers would be reproductive, and such as would give most extensive employment to the labouring poor.

(signed) *J. J. Heard*, Chairman.

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